

AB 3056/Committee on Natural Resources

Summary

(Chapter 907, Statutes of 2006)

(This bill is effective September 30, 2006. However, certain provisions of this bill may have an alternate effective date, as stated below.)

ISSUE	SECTION	IMPACT OF PROVISIONS
"Convenience Zone" Defined	14509.4 14571.5	Amends the definition of "Convenience Zone" to mean either: (1) The area within a ½ mile radius of a supermarket; or (2) In a rural region: (A) An expanded area, within 3 miles of a supermarket, if the zone would then be served by a single existing recycling center or location, as specified; or (B) An area with no supermarket, but with two or more dealers located within a 1-mile radius of each other, as specified.
Definition of "Refund Value"	14524	Changes the definition of "refund value" to mean an "amount" established for each type of beverage container, in lieu of a "minimum amount", pursuant to Section 14560 as specified.
Adoption of Regulations	14536	Extends the Departments authority to adopt regulations and emergency regulations with regard to the implementation of the Market Development Payment Program Section 14549.2, Recycling Incentive Payment Program Section 14549.7, and Handling Fee Section 14585.
Quality Glass Incentive Payments	14549.1 14581(a)(10)	Effective 1/1/07 repeals the appropriation of up to \$3 million annually for the current quality glass incentive payments program.
Quality Incentive Payments	14549.1, 14581(a)(10)	Effective 1/1/07 establishes a Quality Incentive Payment Program appropriating up to \$15 million annually for empty glass, plastic, and aluminum beverage containers. Authorizes payment of up to \$60 per ton for glass, \$180 per ton for plastic, and \$125 per ton for aluminum, meeting all specified criteria.
Market Development Payment Program for Plastics	14549.2 14581(a)(14)	Establishes a "Market Development Payment Program" authorizing the Department to expend up to \$5 million annually until January 1, 2012, to certified entities or product manufacturers for empty plastic beverage containers collected and either recycled or used in manufacturing, in the state, as specified.
Recycling Incentive Payments	14549.7 14581(a)(13)	Establishes a "Recycling Incentive Payment Program" authorizing the Department to expend up to \$10 million annually through January 1, 2010, to eligible recycling centers or dropoff or collection programs meeting specified criteria.
Redemption and Refund Values and Labeling Requirements	14560	Authorizes the Department to increase the refund value to 5¢ for beverage containers less than 24 fluid ounces, and 10¢ for beverage containers that are 24 ounces or more, effective 1/1/07 to 7/1/07 , while retaining the redemption value at 4¢ and 8¢ respectively. Both the redemption value and refund value are due to increase on 7/1/07 to 5¢ and 10¢ respectively, if the recycling rate has not increased to at least 75% during the reporting period specified.
Distributor's Administrative Costs	14574	Increases from 1% to 1.5% the amount that a distributor is authorized to withhold from their redemption payment to cover their administrative costs.
Processing Fees	14575	For calendar year 2007 only , reduces the processing fee paid by beverage manufacturers to zero for any container type with a recycling rate equal to, or greater than 40%. (Glass, PET, and HDPE)
Handling Fees	14581(a)(1) 14585	Provides for a gradual increase in the handling fee appropriation, to avoid future shortfalls in handling fee payments. Authorizes the Department to expend up to \$31 million from 7/1/05 to 6/30/06, \$33 million from 7/1/06 to 6/30/07, and \$35 million from 7/1/07 to 6/30/08 . Requires the Department to conduct a cost survey during 2007, and every two years thereafter, to determine future handling fee payments beginning with the payments for the 2008/2009 fiscal year. Effective 7/1/08 there will be no monthly or annual cap on payments.
Competitive Grants to Community Conservation Corps	14581(a)(4)	Authorizes the Department to expend up to \$20 million from 7/1/07 to 6/30/08 in the form of competitive grants issued to community conservation corps designated by a city, or county, and meeting specified criteria.
Statewide Public Education and Information Campaign	14581(a)(9)	Appropriates up to \$5 million for expenditure until 1/1/08 for the purposes of undertaking a statewide public education and information campaign aimed at promoting increased recycling of beverage containers, as specified.

Market Development Grants	14581(a)(11)	Increases the annual appropriation from \$10 million to \$20 million, and extends the sunset date of the program from 1/1/07 until 1/1/12.
Recycling Receptacles at State Parks	14581(a)(15)	Authorizes the Department to expend up to \$5 million dollars on a one-time basis, beginning on 1/1/07 , for the installation of beverage container recycling receptacles in state parks, as specified.
Local Government or Non-Profit Agency Grants	14581(a)(16)	Appropriates up to \$5 million from 1/1/07 to 1/1/08 in the form of grants to local governments or non-profit agencies for the placement of beverage container recycling receptacles in multifamily housing low-income communities.